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TO : Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

DATE: 2 May 1949

FROM : Chief, Programs Division

SUBJECT: Plans and Policy Staff Semi-monthly Reporting.

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Chief, S/PP to Deputy Chief, S/PP, dated 20 April 1949, Subject: S/PP Semi-monthly Reporting.

1. In accordance with reference memorandum the following information is submitted:

a. Work Completed During the Period

(1) Prepared letter to intelligence member of POS/State in reply to his list of requirements for intelligence support. In this letter were contained the principles according to which ORE would contribute to the work of the Overseas Program Staff.

(2) Received and analyzed replies of the components of ORE to the memorandum requesting lists of intelligence production requirements.

(3) Prepared comments relative to the programming problem on the Master Plan of the Research and Development Board and on an interim list of strategic commodities sent to CIA by the Munitions Board.

b. Work in Progress

(1) Final analysis and recommendations concerning intelligence production requirements are being held pending receipt of an intelligence production requirements list from the EE/USSR Branch.

(2) Consultations are being held with the Analysis Division preparatory to drafting an Operating Procedure which will implement the provisions of the letter referred to in paragraph a(1) above.

(3) Cities Project

During this period conferences were held with ORE components to assign research and coordination responsibilities for the various parts of the Cities Project. A conference was also held with Mr. Buford of OIR to explain the project to him and determine the extent to which OIR could help. Mr. Buford is to give us an answer on or about 3 May 1949.

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(4) External Research

Various conferences were attended with members of the External Research Staff, Plans and Policy Staff, and the Assistant Directors' Committee charged with making recommendations concerning the future operations of the External Research Staff. Negotiations with the committee are still in progress. Otherwise the External Research is functioning largely as it has in the past few months.

(5) International Communism

Various conferences were held with [REDACTED] of the EE/USSR Branch and other persons in ORE interested in the International Communism problem. Nominations of Branch representatives to the International Communism Group were received during the month and [REDACTED] was informed of their identity.

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c. Work Projected to be Undertaken When Opportunities Permit

(1) The lists of intelligence production requirements received from the components of ORE were not uniform enough to permit initiation of the programming function as originally planned. Rather than requesting all branches to resubmit amended drafts it has been tentatively decided that the one or two best branch contributions will be exhaustively examined and modified in conjunction with the branches concerned and negotiated with policy and operational echelons of the government as a test case.

(2) Overt Collection

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Conferences were held with [REDACTED] and a draft plan proposed for the establishment of overt CIA collection machinery in the field.

(3) Type and Page Format

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Conferences were held with [REDACTED] concerning the type and page format used in ORE Staff Intelligence publications. Mr. [REDACTED] is planning further experiments in an effort to achieve the most legible and tasteful make-up possible.

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d. None at present

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